

## THE STENHOUSE - STENNIS FAMILY

JOHN STENHOUSE and his wife of Scotland remained in Scotland but his two sons emigrated to Greenville, South Carolina just before the American Revolution, exact year unknown. These two brothers were:

I. ALEXANDER STENHOUSE came to Greenville, SC and then settled at Fairview. He died at Fairview and was buried at Fairview Presbyterian Church. His descendants still live in Fairview area. Three of his sons were:

1. Adam Stenhouse
2. Thomas Stenhouse, who appears in the 1850 SC census
3. John Taylor Stenhouse, who was a devout Presbyterian, a young leader of Fairview Presbyterian Church at the outbreak of the Civil War. He volunteered for the Southern Army and served as a lieutenant in an infantry company from SC. He died from injuries received in the first Battle of Manassas.

II. JOHN (STENHOUSE) STENNIS, who also settled at Fairview and became a farmer, although he was a teacher by education. His neighbors and friends pronounced the Stenhouse name "Stennis" and for several years he had much difficulty receiving his mail. In desperation he at last went before the court in Greenville and had his name legally changed to Stennis.

John Stennis was married twice; first to Mary Peden who died childless and was buried at the Fairview Church. John then married Mary's first cousin, Rebecca Peden. Rebecca Peden was the 6th child of Alexander Peden, who along with his brother, James Peden, had emigrated from Scotland via Ireland to the United States. They were both elders of Fairview Church.

John and Rebecca (Peden) Stennis had seven children, all born and raised in South Carolina. John died and was buried at Fairview, but three of his children migrated westward to Mississippi. Their seven children were:

1. Jane Stennis 1816 m. James Harrison in SC, moved to Kemper Co, Ms.
2. Rachael Stennis 1817 m. in Fairview, SC, remained there with her husband.
3. Dr. Alexander Peden Stennis 1817-1865, m. Virginia N. Knox in SC moved to Mississippi ca 1843 to Scuba, Kemper Co., later moved to DeKalb and practiced medicine, appearing there in 1860 census.

Dr. Stennis served with the South in the Civil War where he was a colonial in the Medical Corps, dying in the last year of the war of causes unrelated to military action. His children were:

1849-1925 SAMUEL DEBONO. Samuel D. Stennis, 1847 m. Jane Adams, ran S.D. Stennis & Co, DeKalb.

WM. KNOX b. William Stennis 1840-

c. Dudley Stennis 1842, was a young officer in Pickett's Brigade from Miss., which was famous for its charge on Gettysburg. He was killed in the war.

m. ELIZ. d. Margaret Stennis 1845- m. JAS. DUNNEDDIE PEDEN

REB. ELIZA e. Rebecca Stennis 1847-1940 m. F

f. Debby Stennis (son) 1849-

g. Adaline Stennis 1854-1912 - m. JAS. MARTIN DEBONO, 1874

h. Hampton Howell Stennis 1857-1932 m. Margaret Cornelia Adams, 1878, *father of John* *1878* *Connelius* *1901*  
4. ADAM TURNER STENNIS 1819-1878, came to PINE SPRINGS, LAUDERDALE Co. (Gen.) following the Civil War. His story to follow.

5. Rebecca Stennis m. John Peden in SC, remained there.

6. Eliza Stennis m. in SC, remained there.

7. Mary A. Stennis m. Samuel McKittrick in SC, remained there.

m. Coy HINES  
in 1924

1824-1900

MAJ. ADAM TURNER STENNIS

Born in Fairview, Greenville District, South Carolina on September 3, 1819, Adam Turner Stennis was the fourth child of John Stennis, who had come to this country as John Stenhouse from Scotland. Adam's mother was Rebecca Peden Stennis, the daughter of Alexander Peden who had emigrated to America from Scotland via Ireland.

Adam grew up in Fairview and when he was a young man he set out upon an unforgettable adventure. In the early 1840s a group of family members, friends, neighbors, in need of more and better farmlands, became caught up in the spirit of expansion of young America and banded together to migrate westward. with big plans and dreams of new homes they made up a wagon train and started out. Adam's older brother Alexander with his wife Virginia and his sister Jane, who was married to James Harrison, had wagons in that train. Adam, determined to not be left behind, made up a wagon for himself and went along.

After weeks of grueling travel along the rough wagon trail they came to Mississippi. When they arrived at Scooba in Kemper County, Alexander Stennis stopped, and the Harrisons and Adam Stennis stopped, too. They had found what they had been looking for. They all bought land and settled there in Kemper County. Adam established a home and looked about for a wife.

Adam found his wife in Green County, Ala. She was Miss Julia Edwards, whose parents had moved from Georgia to Alabama, where Julia had been born on January 28, 1835 in Green County. Her parents were Issac and Lydia Edwards. Adam and Julia were married in 1851 and their first child, Martha, was born in the following year. Adam and Julia had three daughters when they were listed in the 1860 census in Kemper County.

Adam T. Stennis was in the war, serving as a Major of the infantry in the Confederate Army with what is commonly referred to as the Army of Mississippi, and he didn't have to get very far from home. Their son Joseph Dudley was born during the war years in 1863.

After the war was over, Maj. Stennis moved his family down to Lauderdale County. The 1870 census shows the family living in Marion with two more sons. Julie's father had died and her mother, Lydia Edwards, had moved in and was living with her daughter. Mrs. Edwards was 78 years old.

In 1868 Adam T. Stennis bought land in Sections 2,3,9 and 10 in Township 7, Range 15E from the Hays Rodgers, Sr. estate. Hays Rodgers, an early settler in the county, died in 1863 during the war and his estate was sold to be divided among his heirs. Adam T. Stennis was the highest and best bidder at the sale which was held upon the courthouse steps on Oct 25, 1869 [47-104]. Apparently the Stennis family was living in Marion in 1870 while their new home was being built, and was listed in Marion in the 1870 census.

Maj. A. T. Stennis died when he was 57 years old on May 6, 1876. He was buried at Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery which was about two miles north of his home. He left minor children.

Julia Stennis married again in 1882 to Lambert May. She and her new husband continued to live at the Stennis farm until she died in 1894. She was buried beside Maj. Stennis at Fellowship cemetery.

Julia A. Stennis apparently was a member of Fellowship Bapt. Church. In their old records there is a notation that on August, 1882, a Committee was sent to see her because it had been reported that she had joined Catholic church.

Peden, Miss. in  
Kemper Co., estab.  
JAN. 16, 1858, with  
Adam T. Stennis as  
Postmaster. It was  
NW of Dekalb.  
Named for  
Peden  
Community,  
disc. 1909

DB 47  
pg 104  
25, 1869, Hays Rodgers to  
A.T. Stennis, T. 7 - R. 15  
of SW of Sec 2, T. 7 - R. 15

## CHILDREN OF MAJ. ADAM T. STENNIS

### I. LYDIA AUGUSTA STENNIS

Born: June 13, 1856, Kemper Co, Ms. Died: Feb. 27, 1936  
Married: Dr. Martin J. Thompson (1845-1910), Sept. 21, 1875, (Pine Springs?)

#### Children:

1. Sidney Rosser Thompson 1876-1915, m. Grace Zeigler, 1898. No children.
2. Claude Thompson 1877-1880, Three years old.
3. Stennis Thompson 1880-1923, did not marry.
4. Augusta Thompson 1883- , m. Harry Benners (1875-1948), 1907, Div. 1957.  
Lived in New Orleans.

#### Children: (One.)

- A. Augusta Rosser Benners 1910-, m. George S. Dinwiddie, lives/N.O.
5. Ida Thompson 1885-1958, m. James E. Bouland (b 1888), 1935, lived/San Antonio, Texas. No children.
6. Mamie J. Thompson 1887-1945, m. John H. Schremp (1888-1948), 1923. Lived in San Antonio, Tx. No children.
7. Ethel Thompson 1890-1934, m. Lloyd L. Roberts, 1917, Lived San Antonio.

#### Children:

- A. Barbara Roberts 1918- m. Homer E. Dean, Jr. (b 1918), 1941, lives Alice, Texas. Three daughters.
- B. May Martin Roberts 1920-, m. Norris McClaugherty (b 1913), 1941. Lives San Antonio, Tx. One child

### II. LOUELLA MELISSA STENNIS

Born: Nov. 27, 1860, Kemper Co, Ms. Died: July 3, 1940

*grand son*  
Married: Joseph Brittain Warren (1861-1928), Dec. 14, 1882 (Pine Springs?)

*of mrs warren*  
He was the son of William Callaway & Suliena Warren of Kemper Co.  
Lived

#### Children:

1. WILLIAM TURNER WARREN 188 -1945, m. Narcissus Key, lived in Meridian, Ms.  
They were both killed by a cyclone in Meridian in 1945.
- Children:
  - A. Elmo Earl Warren m. Louise Evelyn Staples. Lived Leeds, Ala.
  - B. Joe Grady Warren m. (1) Evie Louise Hagewood, dec. (2) Catherine Louise Moore. Lives in Birmingham, Ala.; one dau/1st wife, 2 dau/2nd.
  - C. Laverne Warren m. Verna Johnson. Lives Pascagoula, Ms. No child.
2. ELIZABETH "BESS" WARREN m. Lewis Preston Calvert, dec. Lives in Meridian.
- Children: (One.)
  - A. Joseph Durwood Calvert, Washington, DC.
3. MYRTLE B. WARREN m. Joseph Stanley Steinmeyer (1895-1953), lives/Meridian.
- Children: (One.)
  - A. Elizabeth Louella "Betty Lou" Warren, m. George O'Bryan Powell, Lives in Meridian, Ms.. Three children.
4. HENRY GRADY WARREN, m. Ruth Elaine Key, lives/Meridian.
- Children: (One)
  - A. Mary Louella Warren.
5. JOSEPH BRITTAINE WARREN, JR. = Died, three years old.
6. RUTH PAULINE WARREN, M. Frank Leonard Corbitt, lives in Meridian.
- Children:
  - A. Frank Corbitt, m. Vasto Moore. Lives/Laurel, Ms. No children.
  - B. Harold David Corbitt, unmarried.
  - C. Joseph Bernard Corbitt, d. 1957, m. Dorothy Hopper. Four children.
  - D. Mary Inez Corbitt, m. Gordon R. Moody, lives Augusta, Ga. Four children.
  - E. Charles Cooper Corbitt, m. Jane Hargon, lives Jackson, Ms. Four Child.

*Callie Beck  
name book  
#?*  
*5404 31<sup>st</sup> PLACE*

*482-6692*

*H.D. Mahan (who?) Lived Bent, owned it since 1860*

III. JOSEPH DUDLEY STENNIS - *State Senator in 1910*  
 Born: Dec. 21, 1863, Kemper Co, Ms. Died: April 22, 1934, Bailey (Pine Springs).  
 Married: Pearl Mahan (1869-1924), June 10, 1897, Lauderdale Co, Ms. *SIS of NINA MAHAN BAILEY*  
 After his father died in 1878, fifteen year old Joe Stennis became the 'man' of the family. It was a hard time for farmers in the 1880's, and the Stennis family, like most planters of that time, had a hard row to hoe.  
 Deeds:

## Children:

1. SUZANNE "SUE" STENNIS 1899-1974, Did not marry. *m. ANTONIO De LA MORA, 1918, Lauderdale Co*
2. DR. JOSEPH DUDLEY STENNIS, JR. 1900-1958, m. Marion Mangel. Dudley practiced medicine on Miss. Gulf coast at Biloxi. No children. *gave life interest in old home to his 2 SISTERS JUN. 15, 1934 [198-528]*
3. JAYME STENNIS 1904-19 \_\_\_\_\_. Did not marry.

## IV. ISSAC EDWARD STENNIS

Born: 1866

Died: (McComb, Ms.?)

Married: Sally Evans.

Children: None.

## V. WILLIAM EUGENE "WILLIE" STENNIS

Born: April 29, 1868, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: Dec. 12, 1948, (Noxubee Co, Ms.?)

Married: Lizzie Pearl Evans (1873-1948), Dec. 8, 1896

*Lived in Noxubee Co, Miss. Sold his part of STENNIS LAND to Brother, JOE D. STENNIS, SR. - 1895 & 1896 4/3  
SOLD JOE & EDNA WILSON W2NE 4/3, 1906*

Children:

1. THOMAS JEHU STENNIS 1897-1950. m. Mary Lou Carlan (d 1930), 1926.

Children:

A. Ann Carlan Stennis 1928-, m. Robert McLeod, lives Gainsville, Ga. No issue.

2. HENRY TURNER STENNIS 1900-19\_\_\_\_\_, m. Elizabeth Haynes (b. 1907), June 1, 1930.

Lived in Greenville, Miss.

Children:

A. Elizabeth Roxanna Stennis 1932, m. Thos. Edward Parnell, 1956. One Child.

B. Edith Turner Stennis 1935-1937, two years old.

3. WILLIAM HARDY STENNIS 1901, m. Amelia Bell, 1928. Lived DeKalb, Ms.

Children:

A. Dr. William Hardy Stennis, Jr. 1930. DeKalb, Ms.

4. JESSE PATTY STENNIS. 1905, m. Mable Lee Roberts, 1930. Lived Macon, Ms.

Children:

A. Mary Louden Stennis 1932, m. Duane Richard Terry III, 1956. One child.

B. Elizabeth Eugene Stennis 1933, Unmarried. Lives Birmingham, Ala. &amp; Macon, Ms.

C. Hardy Roberts Stennis 1934, Unmarried. Lives/Macon, Ms.

5. SALLIE LOU STENNIS 1908, m. (1) Fred Ellis Waldrop, 1931. Div. (2) Lewis E. Downs.

Children:

A. Joy Stennis Waldrop 1932, m. Robert Milton Hayley, 1950. Lives/Houston. Has two daughters.

6. JOY KING STENNIS 1918, m. Virgil C. VanDevender, 1943. Lived Jackson, Ms.

Children:

A. John Clinton VanDevender 1946

B. William Jarvis VanDevender 1949

C. Sally Stennis VanDevender 1951

VI. ROBERT LEE STENNIS  
Born: July 12, 1870, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: June 10, 1930 (Dallas, Tex.?)  
Married: Lu Rainey Nash (b 1877), 1900.  
Lived in Dallas, Texas.

Children:

1. RENE LEE STENNIS 1902, Did not marry.
2. ROBERT NASH STENNIS 1908, m. Betty Webb, lived Dallas. No children.

VII. LILLIE EUGENIA STENNIS

Born: 1871, Lauderdale Co, Ms.  
Married: J. Robert Evans (d 1941)  
Lived at Macon, Ms.

Died: Nov. 1, 1925

Children:

- Rt. 9, Box 1098  
Lucedale, Ms  
39452 →  
447-2860
1. HENRY G. EVANS 1898, Did not marry.
  2. STENNIS EVANS 19\_\_, died at age 12.
  3. EDWARD EUGENE EVANS 1903, m. Carolyn Russell, 1929. Lives Lucedale, Ms.

Children:

- A. Lillie Frances Evans 1930, m. James Carroll Wright, 1952. Three sons.
- B. Edward Russell Evans 1934
4. MARGUERITE ELIZABETH EVANS 1906, m. James Lewis Drake, 1941. Div. No children.

VIII Infant. B. 1871, d. in ~~infancy~~ infancy.

1874 ROXANA STENNIS (m) JOE STOKES

1889 J.A. STENNIS m. CLARA BOUNDS

91-91 - Marion Star 1870

Adam T. Stennis 1820 SC 50  
Julia A. 37 A1  
Lydia A. 14 ms  
LeWella 10  
Joseph 7

Edward 4 William 2  
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MRS. LYDIA EDWARDS 78 GA

1860 Kemper Co

1879 (Adam) Adam T. Stennis 1879

#179 A. T. STENNIS 40 - SC

#168 Alex P. STENNIS 43 SC

1860 Kemper Col. dist in Civil War

Married 2nd  
May  
Julia (Edwards) 25 A1 1835  
Martha 8 ms 1852  
(Lydia) Augusta 4 ms 1856  
John White 20 ms. 1840

Son Joseph - PA of Sue

1860 Kemper

1817

Charity W. G. 40 ga 1820

William 20 GA. 1840

Dudley 18 1842

Margaret 15 ms. 1845

Rebecca 13 ms 1847

Debby (male) 11 ms 1849

Adeline 6 ms 1854

Hampton 3 ms 1857

Look for  
A T Stennis  
in 1870  
census

[47-104] East. of Hays Rogers, Jr. to A. T. Stennis - Adam - OCT 25, 1869. E<sup>2</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup>

[N-432] Hays & L. C. Rogers sold T. Stennis NW<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> - Sec. 10 - Dec. 8, 1868

[R-467] E. G. GIBBENS sold T. Stennis pt. NW<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> - Feb. 2, 1873

[R-468] A. T. Stennis sold T. Stennis ~ W<sup>2</sup> of E<sup>2</sup> of SE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> - Feb. 6, 1872

[6-393] A. T. STENNIS sold A. Bailey - E<sup>2</sup> of SE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> - Feb. 6, 1872 A.T.

+ E<sup>2</sup> SE<sup>4</sup> - [8-165] Julia ?? J. A. May sold J. D. Stennis - NE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> Nov. 4, 1884 CHED 1876

[43-510] W. E. Stennis sold J. D. Stennis - NE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> July 25, 1895

[38-492] R & J. Stokes sold B. D. Stennis SW<sup>4</sup> of SE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup> Jan 27, 1897 Dec 18, 1896

[47-85] C. R. STENNIS sold Mrs R. Stennis NW, S<sup>2</sup> of NE NW of NE, NW of SE

[47-285] L. S. Warren sold interest to J. D. Stennis - Apr 6, 1897 - NE<sup>4</sup> of NE<sup>4</sup>

[87-235] J. D. Stennis to M. M. Bailey DT NE of NE Jan 20, 1919

[70-5] J. T. Bailey - D. B. Stennis (FORE CLOSURE) Oct. 24, 1903

FELLOWSHIP Ch: MAS. Adam T. STENNIS B. GRANVILLE Dist, SC Sept. 3, 1819-May 6, 1876

JULIA E. STENNIS May, B. Green Co, A1. 1835 - 1894

THE ADAM TURNER STENNIS PLACE  
built in 1867

1st owner and occupant - Adam Turner Stennis

2nd owner and occupant - Joseph Stennis, son of Adam T. Stennis

3rd owner and occupant - Sue Stennis, granddaughter of Adam T. Stennis

4th owner and part time occupant - E. E. Evans, gr. son of Adam T. Stennis

The house was put together with square nails and wooden pegs.

The blinds, doors, and windows are the original hand-made ones except two doors and two windows in the rear of the home that had to be replaced.

The 1½ inch floors are the original ones, except the front porch.

The walls and ceiling in each room are original.

The front and back steps are veneered with hand-made brick that were salvaged from the two chimneys that had to be replaced in 1975. The lattice work in front of the house was made from slave-made brick.

All of the base planks in the home were made of pine salvaged from the old carriage house and were installed by E. E. Evans, 1974 - 1975.

Hall

The davenette was found on the front porch. The date it was made is undetermined but has been there since the oldest members of the family can remember. It is hand-made and the original cover was leather.

Heritage group: This is a group of pictures of Adam Turner Stennis and his wife, Julia Edwards Stennis and pictures of all the children except Augusta Stennie.

Bedroom, right of the hall

The hearth and mantle were made with slave-made brick. The trunk, pictures and artifacts were found in the home with exception of the will of John Stennis, father of Adam Turner Stennis.

Dining Room

The table was made by Adam Turner Stennis and put together with square nails. The top of the mantle and plate rack made by E. E. Evans and C. R. Evans from odd pieces of broken furniture found around the place in 1974. The original curtain rods and holders were never moved from where they were found. These are the only rods in the home in their original position. The Side Board was found in the home; and the mirror above was found in the carriage house. The door stops are covered hand-made brick.

Back Bedroom:

The trunk and rocker were found in the home. The book shelf was made by E. E. Evans with aged pine from the carriage house in 1976. The picture of the lady in the pink dress was found in this room and the silk is probably from a valued dress made for a special occasion.

Bathroom:

The original fixtures were found in the home, as was the restored combinette seat and medicine cabinet. The mirror is from a torn up dresser found in the back bedroom.

Bedroom Left of Hall:

Salvaged hand-made brick were used to veneer the fireplace and hearth. The dresser was found in the back bedroom, and in need of repair. The mirror was found in the carriage house and restored by E. E. Evans and C. R. Evans.

Linens:

All linens were found in the home and were made by Stennis ancestors.

Kitchen:

The table was from a discarded sewing machine found in the carriage house. The key caddy was made from a scrub board found in the home.

The Back Yard:

On display you will find a slave-made chain, cotton scales, mall, etc., by an old wagon wheel.

# STENNIS

THE PEDENS OF AMERICA

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b. Mary Lyle Stennis, b. Apr. 16, 1894; m. Dec. 31, 1910, Roy Dixon Shotts, b. June 27, 1892; d. Aug. 22, 1947. Add. 201 N. Glass St., Victoria, Tex. Children: (1). Clara Ella; (2). Maurice Josephine, (3). Roy Dixon, Jr.; (4). Billy Gillette; (5). Bobby Lyle.

(1). Clara Ella Shotts, b. Nov. 25, 1911; m. Aug. 4, 1934, Floyd Enlow. Child: (a). Mary Nell, b. June 28, 1935; m. Aug. 22, 1953, Jim Boyd. Child: aa. Larry, b. July, 1956.

(2). Maurice Josephine Shotts, b. Aug. 3, 1919; m. Dec. 10, 1932, Thomas Masterson Smith, Jr. Children: (a). Jo Lynn; (b). Thomas Masterson III (Timmie), b. May 15, 1941; (c). Sheryl Lee, b. May 12, 1953.

(a). Jo Lynn Smith, b. Aug. 29, 1935; m. June 22, 1957, James Eastman Gerhardt.

(3). Roy Dixon Shotts, Jr., b. Mar. 30, 1923; m. Oct. 10, 1942, Dorthell Parish. Children: (a). Karen Mikel, b. Feb. 1, 1945; (b). Amanda Carlaine, b. Oct. 9, 1947; (c). Candace, b. July 25, 1954.

(4). Billy Gillette Shotts, b. Sept. 4, 1925; m. June 19, 1947, Mildred West. Children: (a). John Dixon, b. Jan. 3, 1951; (b). Kathleen, b. Mar. 31, 1954; (c). David Stennis, b. Dec. 29, 1956.

(5). Bobby Lyle Shotts, b. Sept. 4, 1925; m. Feb. 6, 1948, Helen West. Children: (a). Lyle West, b. May 22, 1949; (b). Ellen Dean, b. July 24, 1951.

e. Aileen Stennis, b. Jan. 3, 1900; m. June 15, 1923, Jesse B. Wilkerson. Add. Bailey, Miss. Child: (1). Miriam Anita, b. Apr. 17, 1930; m. Sept. 27, 1951, William Otis Walker. Add. 5225 Marcus Ave., El Paso, Tex. Children: (a). William Otis, Jr., b. Feb. 27, 1954, (b). Carol Ann, b. Jan. 28, 1957.

f. Pauline Stennis, b. Nov. 8, 1906; m. Sept. 30, 1929, Bennie Joe Milling. Add. Union, Miss. No children.

Start  
D. Adam Turner Stennis, b. Sept. 3, 1819; d. May 6, 1878; m. Julia Edwards, b. Jan. 28, 1835; d. Jan. 18, 1894. Add. Bailey, Miss. Children: 1. Lydia Augusta; 2. Louella Melissa; 3. Joseph Dudley; 4. Isaac Edward; 5. William Eugene; 6. Robert Lee; 7. Lillie Eugenia; 8. Infant, b. 1871; d. in infancy.

① Lydia Augusta Stennis, b. June 13, 1856; d. Feb. 27, 1936; m. Sept. 21, 1875, Dr. Martin J. Thompson, b. Oct. 15, 1845; d. Dec. 5, 1910. Children: (a) Sidney Rosser, (b) Claude, b. Sept. 27, 1877; d. Aug. 16, 1880; (c) Stennis, b. Feb. 28, 1880; (d) Mar. 18, 1923, never married; (e) Augusta; (f) Ida; (g) Mamie; (h) Ethel.

① a. Sidney Rosser Thompson, b. June 9, 1876; d. Aug. 2, 1915, m. Oct. 26, 1898, Grace Zeigler. No children.

② d. Augusta Thompson, b. Apr. 6, 1883; m. Oct. 15, 1907, Harry

Benners, b. 1875; d. Nov. 18, 1948. Add. 1407 Napoleon Ave., Apt. G., New Orleans, La. Child: (1). Augusta Rosser Benners, b. Sept. 25, 1910; m. July 2, 1929, George S. Dinwiddie. Add. New Orleans, La. Children: (a). Augusta Ainslie; (b). Bruce Wayland, b. Aug. 24, 1943.

d. Augusta Thompson and Harry Benners divorced in 1957.

(a). Augusta Ainslie Dinwiddie, b. July 18, 1938; m. June 6, 1958, George Marion Snellings III. Add. 2965 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, La. Child: (aa). George Wilcox, b. Feb., 1959.

(e) Ida Thompson, b. Apr. 27, 1885; d. July 6, 1958; m. Jan. 25, 1935, James E. Bouland, b. Sept. 20, 1888. Add. 1514 Texas Ave., San Antonio, Texas. No children.

(f) Mamie J. Thompson, b. Aug. 5, 1887; d. June 28, 1945; m. June 30, 1923, John H. Schremp, b. Jan. 7, 1888; d. Dec. 26, 1948. Add. San Antonio, Tex. No children.

(g) Ethel Thompson, b. July 5, 1890; d. Jan. 31, 1934; m. May 20, 1917, Lloyd L. Roberts. Add. San Antonio, Tex. Children: (1). Barbara; (2). May Martin.

(1). Barbara Roberts, b. Apr. 25, 1918; m. Nov. 2, 1941, Homer E. Dean, Jr., b. Sept. 18, 1918. Add. 900 Lincoln Dr., Alice, Tex. Children: (a). Barbara Lee, b. Mar. 10, 1946; (b). Ruth Ann, b. Nov. 29, 1947; (c). Grace Elizabeth (Becky), b. Oct. 31, 1950.

(2). May Martin Roberts, b. Jan. 8, 1920; m. Nov. 23, 1941, Norris McClaugherty, b. Nov. 29, 1913. Add. 403 Steves, San Antonio 10, Tex. Child: (a). Terry Leigh, b. Dec. 18, 1948.

(2) <sup>b. 1882</sup> Louella Melissa Stennis, b. Nov. 27, 1860; d. July 3, 1940; m. Dec. 14, 1882, Joseph Brittain Warren, b. Feb. 24, 1861; d. Oct. 26, 1928. Add. Lauderdale County, Miss. Children: (1) William Turner;

(2) Elizabeth (Bess) (3) Myrtle B.; (4) Henry Grady; (5) Joseph Brittain, Jr., ~~died age 3~~; (6) Ruth Pauline.

(1) William Turner Warren, killed in cyclone in 1945; m. Narcissus Key, killed in cyclone in 1945. Add. Meridian, Miss. Children: (1). Elmo Earl; (2). Joe Grady; (3). Laverne.

(1). Elmo Earl Warren, m. Louise Evelyn Staples. Add. Leeds, Ala. Child: (a). Elaine Kathleen.

(2). Joe Grady Warren, m. Evie Louise Hagwood, deceased. Child: (a). Betty Joanne.

(2). Joe Grady Warren, 2nd. m. Catherine Louise Moore. Add. Birmingham, Ala. Children: (b). Carolyn Louise; (c). Linda Kay.

(3). Laverne Warren, m. Verna Johnson. Add. Pascagoula, Miss. No children.

(1) Elizabeth (Bess) Warren, m. Lewis Preston Calvert, deceased.

Add. 1704-23rd Ave., Meridian, Miss. Child: (1). Joseph Durwood, not married. Add. Washington, D. C.

3 (c) Myrtle B. Warren, m. Joseph Stanley Steinmeyer, b. Nov. 1, 1895; d. Dec. 28, 1953. Add. 1600-28th Ave., Meridian, Miss. Child: (1). Elizabeth Louella (Betty Lou) m. George O' Bryan Powell. Add. 1706-24th Ave., Meridian, Miss. Children: (a). Melissa Joellen; (b). Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy); (c). George O'Bryan, Jr.

(5) <sup>No</sup> (d) Henry Grady Warren, m. Ruth Elaine Key. Add. Meridian, Miss. Child: (1). Mary Louella.

6 (f) Ruth Pauline Warren, m. Frank Leonard Corbitt. Add. 3523-9th St., Meridian, Miss. Children: (1). Frank Warren; (2). Harold David, not married; (3). Joseph Bernard; (4). Mary Inez; (5). Charles Cooper.

(1). Frank Warren Corbitt, m. Vasto Moore. Add. Laurel, Miss. No children.

(3). Joseph Bernard Corbitt, died Mar. 15, 1957; m. Dorothy Hopper. Add. Meridian, Miss. Children: (a). Joseph Bernard, Jr.; (b). Sandra; (c). Carol; (d). Frank Leonard (Leon).

(4). Mary Inez Corbitt, m. Gordon Randolph Moody. Add. Augusta, Ga. Children: (a). Gordon Randolph, Jr.; (b). Michael Lon; (c). Mary Paula; (d). Charles David.

(5). Charles Cooper Corbitt, m. Jane Hargon. Add. Jackson, Miss. Children: (a). Cathleen; (b). Christine; (c). Clair; (d). John Steven.

3 (b) <sup>3 kids</sup> (3) Joseph Dudley Stennis, b. Dec. 21, 1863; d. Apr. 22, 1934; m. June 10, 1897, Pearl Mahan, b. Nov. 27, 1869; d. July 20, 1924. Add. Bailey, Miss. Children: (a). Suzanne, b. May 15, 1899, not married. Add. Box 77, Rt. 2, Meridian, Miss.; (b). Joseph Dudley, Jr.; (c). Jamye, b. Sept. 21, 1904, not married. Add. Box 77, Rt. 2, Meridian, Miss.

b. Joseph Dudley Stennis, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1900; d. July 15, 1958; m. Marion Mangel. Add. 706 West Bayview A., Biloxi, Miss. No children.

0 kids #4 (4). Isaac Edward Stennis, m. Sally Evans, both deceased. Add. McComb, Miss. No children.

#5 <sup>6 kids</sup> (5). William Eugene Stennis, b. Apr. 29, 1868; d. Dec. 12, 1948; m. Dec. 8, 1896, Lizzie Pearl Evans, b. Mar. 20, 1873; d. May 24, 1948. Add. Noxubee County, Miss. Children: (a). Thomas Jehu; (b). Henry Turner; (c). William Hardy; (d). Jesse Patty; (e). Sally Lou; (f). Joy King.

(a). Thomas Jehu Stennis, b. Nov. 16, 1897; d. July 5, 1950; m. Dec. 28, 1926, Mary Lou Carlan, d. Oct., 1930. Child: (1). Ann Carlan, b. June 4, 1928; m. Robert McLeod. Add. Box 311, Gainesville, Ga. No children.

1(b) Henry Turner Stennis, b. Feb. 12, 1900; m. June 1, 1930, Elizabeth Haynes, b. July 30, 1907. Add. 710 Cedar St., Greenville, Miss. Children: (1). Elizabeth Roxanna; (2). Edith Turner, b. Oct. 21, 1935; d. June 24, 1937.

(1). Elizabeth Roxanna Stennis, b. Sept. 17, 1932; m. Mar. 17, 1956, Thomas Edward Parnell, b. Nov. 18, 1908. Add. 710 Cedar St., Greenville, Miss. Child: (a). Thomas Edward, Jr., b. May 26, 1957.

3(c) William Hardy Stennis, b. Mar. 16, 1901; m. Apr. 25, 1928, Amelia Bell, b. Apr. 6, 1904. Add. DeKalb, Miss. Children: (1). Dr. William Hardy, Jr., b. Mar. 5, 1930. Add. DeKalb, Miss.

4(d) Jesse Patty Stennis, b. Mar. 8, 1905; m. Mar. 9, 1930, Mable Lee Roberts, b. Feb. 13, 1908. Add. Jefferson St., Macon, Miss. Children: (1). Mary Loudon; (2). Elizabeth Eugene, b. June 22, 1933, not married. Add. 300 N. 83rd. St., Birmingham, Ala. and Macon, Miss.; (3). Hardy Roberts, b. Sept. 26, 1934, not married. Add. Macon, Miss.

(1). Mary Loudon Stennis, b. Feb. 10, 1932; m. Sept. 22, 1956, Duane Richard Terry III., b. Mar. 7, 1932. Add. 2 Indian Field Rd., Wilmington 3, Del. Child: (a). Barbara Lee, b. Apr. 4, 1958.

5(e) Sallie Lou Stennis, b. Aug. 12, 1908; m. Jan. 15, 1931, <sup>dw</sup> Fred Ellis Waldrop, b. Jan. 4, 1896. Child: (1). Joy Stennis, b. Jan. 30, 1932; m. Aug. 12, 1950, Robert Milton Hayley, b. Dec. 22, 1927. Add. 5811 Beldart, Houston, Tex. Children: (a). Marguerite Elizabeth, b. Nov. 2, 1952; (b). Cathey Lou, b. Nov. 4, 1955.

e. Sallie Lou Stennis and Fred Ellis Waldrop divorced. Her 2nd. m. Mar. 23, 1959, Lewis Eddie Downs, b. Oct. 9, 1896. Add. Box 136, Berkeville, Tex.

6(f) Joy King Stennis, b. Nov. 1, 1918; m. Nov. 25, 1943, Virgil Clinton VanDevender, b. Feb. 27, 1919. Add. 4815 Maplewood Dr., Jackson, Miss. Children: (1). John Clinton, b. July 28, 1946; (2). William Jarvis, b. Jan. 11, 1949; (3). Sally Stennis, b. Feb. 28, 1951.

6. Robert Lee Stennis, b. July 12, 1870; d. June 10, 1930; m. 1900, Lu Rainey Nash, b. Feb. 14, 1877. Add. 2804 Westminster, Dallas, Texas. Children: (a). Rene Lee, b. July 4, 1902, not married; (b). Robert Nash, b. July 22, 1908; m. Betty Webb, b. Aug. 27, 1910. Add. 4661 Livingston, Dallas, Tex. No children.

7. Lillie Eugenia Stennis, b. 1871; d. Nov. 1, 1925; m. J. Robert Evans, d. Sept. 28, 1941. Add. Macon, Miss. Children: (a). Henry G., b. Dec. 2, 1898, not married. Add. St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D. C., (b). Stennis, d. age 12; (c). Edward Eugene; (d). Marguerite Elizabeth.

c. Edward Eugene Evans, b. July 19, 1903; m. Sept. 10, 1929,

Carolyn Russell, b. Apr. 19, 1908. Add. Manilla St., Lucedale, Miss. Children: (1). Lillie Frances; (2). Edward Russell, b. Mar. 17, 1934.

(1). Lillie Frances Evans, b. July 29, 1930; m. Dec. 6, 1952, James Carroll Wright, b. Feb. 21, 1928. Add. 1806 Curcor Dr., Mississippi City, Miss. Children: (a). John Edward, b. Dec. 11, 1953; (b). James Carroll, Jr., b. May 13, 1955; (c). Michael Eugene, b. May 13, 1958.

(d). Marguerite Elizabeth Evans, b. Nov. 13, 1906; m. Oct. 17, 1941, James Lewis Drake, b. Oct. 1, 1903. Add. 4106 Cedar Springs, Dallas, Tex. No children, divorced.

E. Rebecca Eliza Stennis, m. John Tillinghast Peden, (house of David), where family is recorded.

F. Mary A. Stennis, b. June 8, 1824; d. June 11, 1900; m. 1845, Samuel McKittrick, d. July 23, 1864. Children: 1. John Alexander; 2. Addie; 3. Martha; 4. Samuel Turner; 5. Jefferson Davis; 6., 7., and 8. died in infancy, unnamed.

1. John Alexander McKittrick, b. Oct. 13, 1854; d. Aug. 2, 1918; m. Dec. 1, 1883, Mary Frances (Mollie) Sprouse, b. Aug. 8, 1864; d. Mar. 21, 1940. Add. was Rt. 2, Pelzer, S. C. Children: a. Pallie May, b. Oct. 9, 1884, not married. Add. Pelzer, S. C. Rt. 2; b. Samuel Turner; c. Stewart Holmes; d. John Henry; e. Madge Henrietta; f. William Lake; g. Calvin Warren; h. Tempie Louise, b. Oct. 25, 1902. Add. Dallas, N. C.

b. Samuel Turner McKittrick, b. May 18, 1887; d. Feb. 29, 1948; m. Aug. 26, 1920, Elsie Mullinax, b. Jan. 13, 1898. Add. Liberty, S. C. No children.

c. Stewart Holmes McKittrick, b. June 22, 1890; m. Mar. 26, 1925, Virginia McLeod Powers, b. June 24, 1892. Add. Greenville, S. C. Child: (1). Stewart Holmes, Jr., b. Feb. 12, 1929; m. Oct. 8, 1954, Joan Millman, b. 1925. Add. Greenville, S. C. Child: (a). Terry Lynn, b. June 2, 1955.

d. John Henry McKittrick, b. June 22, 1892; m. Aug. 29, 1931, Elvira T. Jackson, b. Oct. 17, 1898. Add. Rt. 2, Pelzer, S. C. No children.

e. Madge Henrietta McKittrick, b. Jan. 12, 1895; m. Apr. 27, 1917, Glenn Carley Abercrombie, b. Aug. 16, 1882; d. Sept. 21, 1957. Add. Gray Court, S. C. Child: (1). John Alexander, b. Aug. 2, 1918; m. Mar. 14, 1941, Miriam Stokes, b. Feb. 27, 1921. Add. Columbia, S. C. Children: (a). Lyn, b. Jan. 29, 1942; (b). Johnny, b. June 22, 1946; (c). Stokes Glenn, b. July 25, 1952.

f. William Lake McKittrick, b. June 30, 1897; m. Dec. 3, 1927, Edith Ingram, b. Jan. 25, 1909. Add. Pensacola, Fla. No children.



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UNITED STATES SENATOR  
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Hampton Howell Stennis 1857-1932  
m Marg. Cornelius Adams 1/17/1878  
ch - 1. Sam Deb 1878-1948  
2. Thor. Lawrence 1880-  
3. Jas. Dunwoody 1882-1883  
4. Janie ~~Eliza~~ 1885 - unmarried  
5. Bessie Cornelius 1886 1957 D.N.M.  
6. Fred Adams 1890 1890  
7. Hampton Alexander 1891 -  
8. Annie Virginia  
9. John Cornelius 1901 - Senator  
m. Coy Hines Dec 4, 1929 -  
Sen.

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## UNITED STATES SENATOR

### MISSISSIPPI

Senator John C. Stennis, President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, is the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee which is responsible for deciding the funding level for every branch and program of government. He also chairs the committee's Defense Appropriations Subcommittee which handles the largest bill of any of the 13 subcommittees. By virtue of his committee chairmanship, he is ex-officio member of every Appropriations Subcommittee.

Senator Stennis is also the senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee which he chaired from 1969 until 1980. He is the only member of the Senate to hold membership on both Armed Services and Appropriations, placing him in a unique position to work on formation of national defense policy.

He was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate by acclamation at the beginning of the 100th Congress on January 6, 1987.

The Senator's influence extends far beyond the committee assignments and positions he has earned. Because of his reputation as a man of sound judgment and outstanding character, his colleagues look to him for direction. When the Senate Ethics Committee was formed, John Stennis was the obvious choice as chairman. He drafted the first code of ethics adopted by the Senate. His integrity has earned Senator Stennis the respect of leaders throughout the world. His good reputation, coupled with his tremendous energy, makes him one of the most effective members to ever serve in the United States Senate.

President Eisenhower singled John Stennis out as a man who possessed the qualities which would make him a good president. Others have pointed to his sound judgment and fine legal mind as characteristics which would be valuable to the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Stennis has never encouraged such recommendations. Instead, he has always made it clear that it was his desire to continue to serve as Mississippi's "battling lawyer" in Washington.

The Senator's determined efforts have reaped many rewards for Mississippians. No other man has brought so many jobs to the state. Projects he supports greatly enhance the Mississippi economy. The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway in Northeast Mississippi and the Gulf Coast complex containing the National Space Testing Laboratory, the Navy Oceanography Center and the Army Ammunition Plant are examples of his efforts at opposite ends of the state.

Mississippi military installations, including Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, the Seabee base in Gulfport, the Meridian Naval Air Station, Columbus Air Force Base and Camp Shelby in Forrest County and the proposed new Navy homeport in Pascagoula, have greatly benefited from the special interest Senator Stennis gives national defense.

Likewise, many ports, harbors and flood control projects have benefited from his keen interest in development of resources in Mississippi.

His efforts in economic development for Mississippi have been equally effective. He has worked to save the Industrial Development Bond program and other economic development programs which have been so successful in bringing industry to Mississippi.

Senator Stennis' strong support of farm and forestry improvement programs and agricultural research has helped to bring about legislation which has reaped great economic benefits for Mississippi and the nation.

The Senator is recognized throughout the nation as a leader in the call for a sound fiscal policy. His voice in the Senate is always solid and strong when difficult decisions must be made for the good of the nation. His colleagues from every state recognize Senator Stennis as a true national statesman who always puts the best interest of the United States ahead of partisan politics.

John Stennis was elected to the Senate in a special election in 1947 after service as a circuit judge, district prosecuting attorney, and

state legislator. His most recent election was in 1982 when he won reelection with 65 percent of the vote.

Now in his 40th year of service in the Senate, he is second only to the late Carl Hayden of Arizona in total years of Senate service.

Senator Stennis was born on August 3, 1901 in Kemper County, Mississippi. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1923 and went on to the University of Virginia to obtain a law degree. His studies at the University of Virginia were interrupted briefly when his father died and he returned to the family farm. Before returning to the University of Virginia in 1928 for a final semester of studies, he was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives. He has continued in public service since that date.

The formal accomplishments, listing only a few, reflect on our Senator's fundamental beliefs. He keeps a vision of America most people have forgotten and upholds the fundamental principles that made America great—work, love and faith.

He says, "my work is my play" and "my play is my work. It is stimulating and rewarding. I enjoy it."

His love is reflected by his coming home, meeting with his people, visits with the young folk, sick, needy and elderly; to the "ole" home place and cemetery. "To plan for the future," he explains, "we must hold on to the past and keep in touch with the present."

In the adversities of his life, he has kept faith with his fellowman, Country, and God. "Each day brings its challenges. Whatever they might be," he says, "with the help of the Almighty I move ahead doing the best I can."

As he upholds a promise made in his first Senate bid—"TO PLOW A STRAIGHT FURROW DOWN TO THE END OF THE ROW," our love, best wishes and prayers go with him.

1880 Land Co. Census

Charles Stafford 55 1825 Farmer Ira/Ira/Gre

Mariah Stafford 55 1825 Wife Ira/Ira/Gre

Julien " 15 1865 son ms/Gre/Gre

Pallie dau 14 1866 dau ms/Jee/Gre

1879

Brown & Stennis taught @  
Colored School - African students, 46

TRUSTEES: Thomas STENNIS, AB Bailey, ) elected  
SQUIRE G - (GUSSE?) } Dec. 1879

BORN: 1826 SC

DIED:

M. ROSA (B. 1831, GA)

OWNED LAND:

Oct 1868 - From Hays Rodgers, JR NW<sup>1/4</sup> NE<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 10  
SW<sup>1/4</sup> SE<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 10  
FEB 1863 FROM Adam Stennis ~~SW<sup>1/4</sup> SE<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 3~~

Dec 1889 From M&O E 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec 15  
Dec 1896 From Rosa to B.D. Stennis  
1909 B.D. & V.V. Stennis to T.C. Lockard  
1921 To Pat HARRIS

1892 Tax Roll:

11 CALVIN STENNIS 1851

19, A  
WAS STUDENT IN SCHOOL IN 1880 CENSUS -

2 WILLIS STENNIS 1853 -

died with  
1st child

② Albert Bailey

11 HARRIET BAILEY 1864, m. George Williams

3 MATTIE STENNIS 1862

②

4 BILLIE (D.?) "UNCLE BILL" 1864

② ESSIE KELSO LOCK (1862-1949)

1. Albert Lock 1898-1920

2. Tom Lock 1898-1950

3. ESSIE KELSO 1894-1967 ② Bill DAVID

5 VASTER (V.?) STENNIS 1867

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Tom Stennis for cert. of lunacy  
of V. V. Stennis  
May, 1895

M. B. Stennis m. Luisa ANN Adams

Dec. 27, 1893

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March 11, 1981

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Re: James Rodgers Family (Stennis connection)

Dear Mrs. Compton:

As to your first question, I do not know the exact year Alexander Stenhouse came to America, however, he was the older brother of John Stenhouse. Alexander was a farmer and the oldest son of John Stenhouse. John Stennis (Stenhouse) was a school teacher by education and because of difficulties with his mail which could not be corrected after several years, he went to the appropriate Court in Greenville, South Carolina, causing his name to be changed from Stenhouse to the pronunciation of his neighbors and friends, "Stennis".

As to your second question, I have never heard that Alexander Stenhouse and John Stennis had a sister named Mary born in 1796. In fact from examining tombstones in the cemetery of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, I doubt seriously they had a sister born in 1796, because by such date their parents who remained in Scotland would have been dead.

As to Alexander Stenhouse's children, I know he had one son, John Taylor Stenhouse, who died as a result of injuries received at Manassas I. John Taylor Stenhouse was a devout Presbyterian, a young leader of the Fairview Presbyterian Church at the outbreak of the War Between the States and was serving as a lieutenant in a volunteer infantry company from that area of South Carolina. I believe additionally Alexander had a son named Adam and maybe one named Thomas, who could very well be the one reflected in your 1850 South Carolina census.

Again you raise an enigma with the 1850 South Carolina census showing an Adam Stenniss in the Greenville, South Carolina area. By 1850 Adam Turner Stennis was in Kemper County, Mississippi, having originally settled at Scooba.

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I have never heard anyone say Alexander Stenhouse and John Stennis had either a brother or a sister or a cousin to come to the United States before or after them. This week I am writing Mrs. Lila Peden Sprouse in South Carolina, raising some of the questions you have brought to my attention to see if perhaps she could shed any light on the identity of these individuals. If and when I get a response from Mrs. Sprouse I will forward same on to you.

In the meantime, keep me up to date with your investigation and I will continue to explore those outlets still available in search of answers to the many questions you have raised.

Thanking you, I am, with all good wishes

Sincerely,

THOMAS L. STENNIS II

TLS/gm

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Re: James Rodgers Family (Stennis connection)

Dear Mrs. Compton:

Regarding your letter of February 25th, I am able to comment on the following:

A. The V. N. Stennis you refer to as buying land between 1868 and 1873, is without any question Virginia Knox Stennis, widow of Colonel Alexander Peden Stennis, who had died in the War Between the States. As reported in my letter of February 23rd, Alexander Peden Stennis, was my great-great grandfather. He practiced medicine in Kemper County before the War Between the States and served in the Southern Army as a medical officer. He also lost a son, Dudley Stennis, who was a young officer in the outfit from Mississippi attached to Pickett's Brigade for his immortal charge at Gettysburg. My great grandfather, Hampton Howell Stennis, was Alexander Peden Stennis' eighth child. Hampton Howell's second child, Thomas Laurance, was my grandfather.

B. The Stennis came west from South Carolina (1) looking for better and more farm land, and (2) in the spirit of the young American expansion, were encouraged by their friends, and fellow family members who came west in groups. When the group with Alexander Peden reached the area of Scuba, Mississippi, it was decided such was the place to stop.

The deed from 1868 to "Thomas Stennis" is indeed interesting. The uncovering of this deed, combined with your United States Census for Kemper County, Mississippi in 1850 reflecting a "William Stennis" and presumably wife, Harriet Stennis, with children Martha, Eomar(?) and Stephen, raises an interesting question in my mind.

I find no reference to a William Stennis, either born in 1801 or thereabouts, and alive in 1850, whose wife would have been Harriet and who had children Martha, Eomar(?) and Stephen. In fact in the

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Stennis index available to me, none of the names Harriet, Martha, Eomar or Stephen appear. Your inquiry about these individuals comes about 35 years too late for short and precise answers since the individuals who would have had the opportunity to know of these people have long since been gone.

Presumably the 1850 census of Kemper County is the census which reflects "whites". At first I thought perhaps "Thomas Stennis" of 1873 could perhaps be a freed slave, especially since Dr. Alexander Peden Stennis at the beginning of the War Between the States had a large slave holding. On reflection of my history, I tend now to discard the freed slave idea because of the 1850 census reflecting a "William Stennis" and his family.

My interest and intrigue grows now to know where the 1873 "Thomas Stennis" and the 1850 "William Stennis" family came from, much less where they went. I would very much appreciate your keeping me posted on anything you find regarding this matter.

Do you have the book "The Pedens of America", published in 1961? It may be possible that William Stokes of Greenville County, South Carolina, appearing in the 1830 census was a neighbor of the John Stennis family, but I doubt they were neighbors to the extent that they had any church, social, or family relations because in the book "The Pedens of America" there are only four references to the Stokes family and all four references appear in the Peden "House of Thomas" after the War Between the States. The Stennis relation to the Pedens, starting with John Stennis in the 18th Century, is in the "House of Alexander".

If you find our any more information on Thomas Stennis from the 1880 census in Lauderdale County, please forward me that information. Likewise I would like to know any information you find of William Stennis because it appears these two individuals are from a forgotten, or as you say disowned, element of the family and up until your recent inquiries, I was confident we had an index on every Stennis.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

THOMAS L. STENNIS II

TLS/gm

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February 23, 1981

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Re: James Rodgers' Family (Stennis connection)

Dear Mrs. Compton:

Yours of February 5th has created a great deal of interest on my part. I have figured out from your letter that the A. T. Stennis has to be Adam Turner Stennis, who was born September 3, 1819, married to Julie Edwards June 28, 1835, and who died on May 6, 1878. Adam Turner Stennis lived and farmed in the Bailey, Mississippi community. Adam Turner and Julie had ~~sever~~<sup>11</sup> living children, Lydia Augusta, Louella Melissa, Joseph Dudley, Isaac Edward, William Eugene, Robert Lee, and Lily Eugenia. Adam Turner served as a Lt. Colonel of the infantry in the Confederate Army in the war between the states, serving mainly in the Deep South, with what is commonly referred to as the Army of Mississippi.

Adam Turner Stennis was the fourth child of John Stennis, who came to this country just before the American Revolution, as John Stenhouse. John Stennis is buried at Fairview Church, Fairview, South Carolina, by his brother, Alexander Stenhouse. There is a long tale about John Stenhouse americanizing his name to "Stennis" which I won't get into in this letter.

John Stennis was married twice, first to Mary Peden who died childless and is buried with him at Fairview. John Stennis then married Mary Peden's first cousin, Rebecca Peden, who was the sixth child of Alexander Peden, who along with his brother James Peden, had migrated from Scotland via Ireland to the United States and were two of the elders of the Fairview Presbyterian Church. John and Rebecca Peden had seven children, Jane Stennis, Rachel Stennis, Alexander Peden Stennis, Adam Turner Stennis, Rebecca, Eliza Stennis and Mary A. Stennis. Jane and Rachel married while the family lived in Fairview, South Carolina. Jane's

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husband, James Harrison, migrated to Kemper County, Mississippi. Alexander Peden Stennis, my great, great grandfather, became a doctor, migrated with his family to Kemper County, Mississippi, served as a Colonel of the Medical Corps in the Confederate Army in the war between the states, and died of unrelated military causes in 1865. His brother, Adam Turner Stennis, moved to Lauderdale County, Mississippi and he is the A. T. Stennis you are referencing. Rebecca Eliza Stennis married John Peden and her family remained in South Carolina as did Mary Stennis, who married Samuel McKittrick.

What is puzzling about your letter is that in 1868 there was no known living "Thomas Stennis". I would like very much to see a copy of the Deed from Hays Rodgers to "Thomas Stennis". In the Stennis family, tracing it back to the Stenhouses in Scotland, admittedly Thomas is one of the most popular male names, however, in the United States, the first Thomas Stennis was my grandfather, Thomas Laurance, born in 1880 in Kemper County, Mississippi, to Hampton Howell and Margaret Cornelia Adams. Hampton Howell had been the eighth child of Alexander Peden Stennis and Virginia Knox, born on November 15, 1857. I am named for my Grandfather Stennis. Several years after the birth of my grandfather, Hampton Howell's brother, Samuel D. Stennis and his wife, Jane Adams, had a son as the sixth child, Thomas Adams Stennis, born December 8, 1888. My grandfather was known as "Laurance" and lived practically all of his life in Kemper County, Mississippi. His double first cousin, Thomas Adams, was known as either "Tom" or "T. A." and lived practically all of his adult life in Kemper County, operating S. D. Stennis and Company. We simply have no record of a "Thomas Stennis" before 1880.

In examining the Adam Turner Stennis family, which I profess to know a great deal about, the first Thomas Stennis appearing under Adam Turner was Thomas Jehu Stennis, born November 16, 1897 and died July 5, 1950. His father was William Eugene Stennis who was the fifth child of Adam Turner Stennis and Julia Edwards of Bailey, Mississippi. The only explanation I have for the "Thomas Stennis Deed" of 1868 from Hays Rodgers and wife, L. C. (Lucinda) is that "Thomas" was a nickname for maybe Adam Turner. It would be interesting to see the Thomas Stennis Deed where that property was sold by Thomas Stennis because it might reference his wife.

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The second interesting point of your letter is that your grandmother, Fannie Eliska Rodgers' grandmother was a Stennis. Presumably you are referencing Hays Rodgers and his wife Mary S. [Stennis] Rodgers, who in 1833 sold some land to Benjamine R. Carpenter. John Stennis, above referenced, was the first "Stennis", this name being the Americanization of the Scottish name "Stenhouse". His children born of Rebecca Peden were Jane, Rachel, Alexander Peden, Adam Turner, Rebecca, Eliza and Mary A. The girls, Jane, Rachel, Rebecca, Eliza and Mary A. were all accounted for. Jane moved with her husband to Kemper County, Mississippi at approximately the same time her brothers Alexander Peden, a doctor was moving to Kemper County, Mississippi, and Adam Turner was moving to neighboring Lauderdale County, Mississippi. Rachel, Rebecca, Eliza and Mary A. married in Fairview, South Carolina and remained in that general area with their husbands.

The daughters of John Stennis and Rebecca Peden would come very close to the generation of Mary S. Rodgers. The children of Alexander Peden (Kemper County) and Adam Turner (Lauderdale County) post-date the time of Mary S. Rodgers. Additionally, we have no record of any Stennis living in Georgia in 1796. Unfortunately we don't have a lot of records on the succeeding generations of Alexander Stenhouse, but on the records available, I do not find a Mary Stenhouse, nor do I find evidence of the Stenhouses moving to Georgia. In fact most of Alexander Stenhouse's family remained in the Fairview, South Carolina area and in fact are still there today.

I am certainly interested in this Mary S. [Stennis] Rodgers born March 2, 1796 in Georgia. If you can provide me with any more leads I will do everything I can, first to utilize the information I have available to research any ties and, second to share such information with you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
THOMAS L. STENNIS II

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